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All EMS Instructor/Coordinators, Continuing Education Coordinators and Providers

Regarding: EMS Education Standards Rollout

The North Dakota Department of Health Division of EMS and Trauma (DEMST) has contracted with the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) to provide training to EMS instructors throughout North Dakota regarding the new EMS Education Standards. This education is being referred to as the EMS Education Standards Rollout and it will cover the new educational material along with the new levels of EMS providers in the United States.

Currently there are plans to conduct six events in Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot and Dickinson. At the time of this letter we have four of these events scheduled as follows:

April 9, 2011 Bismarck Civic Center  
April 10, 2011 Bismarck (Location TBA)  
May 20, 2011 Grand Forks (Location TBA)  
May 21, 2011 Fargo, (Location TBA)

All of the events will be eight hours in length and will begin promptly at 8:00AM and be completed by 5:00PM

Due to the changes that are occurring in EMS education and the new levels being introduced, all instructor / coordinators (IC) and continuing education coordinators (CEC) must attend one of the six events in order to become licensed or relicensed. This event will be considered an IC or CEC refresher and you will obtain 8 hours of continuing education by attending one session. Even if you do not expire in 2011 it is mandated that you attend one of these sessions if you plan to continue to instruct EMS courses in North Dakota. Once you attend one of these events and NAEMSE has sent all necessary paperwork to DEMST, your current licensure will be extended two years beyond your current expiration date. You are only required to attend one event. All of the events will be completed by June 30, 2011 and there will be no further IC or CEC refresher courses held this year in North Dakota.

These events are not limited only to EMS instructors and we would like to invite all EMS providers that are interested in discovering how the new EMS Education Standards will affect them. Any EMS provider attending one of these sessions will receive eight hours of approved continuing education for recertification purposes. EMS providers interested in becoming a new CEC will have the opportunity to attend a two-hour presentation following any of these events to become eligible for CEC licensure. For those who would like to become a licensed I/C, there will be a course held in conjunction during the Fargo event on May 21, 2011. For more information on this course please contact FM Ambulance at 701.364.1750. Preregistration for this course is required and fees will apply. This will be the only full Instructor Coordinator course held in the state this year.

All of the EMS Education Standards Rollout events will be provided to licensed North Dakota EMS providers free of charge. We ask that you preregister so that we may accommodate everyone. To register please go to the NAEMSE website ([www.naemse.org](http://www.naemse.org)) and look for the ND EMS Education Standards Rollout link. Click on

this link and follow the directions. Once you submit the information you will receive an electronic confirmation that you may print out for your records.

There will also be a link on DEMST website ([www.ndhealth.gov/ems](http://www.ndhealth.gov/ems)) to the NAEMSE website.

Keep in mind that if you plan on attending one of the events on April 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> at the NDEMSEA spring conference you must still preregister through NAEMSE. NDEMSEA does not take registrations for the EMS Education Standards Rollout. NDEMSEA has cordially agreed to assist in the rollout process by having the rollout in conjunction with the conference.

We will have continuous updates listed on our website regarding rollout information including future dates, times and locations. If you have any questions please contact us at DEMST.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Gregoire". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "E" and a long, trailing flourish at the end.

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